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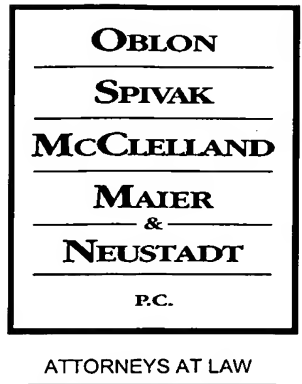**SPIVAK**

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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/658,273
   Applicants: Junichi MINATO
   Filing Date: September 10, 2003
   For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, SHARED DATA
       MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SHARED DATA
       MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
   Group Art Unit: 2173
   Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.